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Entrepreneur Capital Fund
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the new entrepreneur capital fund set up for the Scheduled Tribes (STs) by the Government recently;

(b) the measures being taken by the Government to ensure success of the said scheme; and

(c) the other measures being taken by the Government to give impetus to entrepreneurship in the STs particularly the ST women?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI JASWANTSINH BHABHOR)

(a) to (b) No such fund has been setup for Scheduled Tribes (STs).

(c) National Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation (NSTFDC), under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, implements schemes for self-employment of Scheduled Tribes by providing concessional loan to individuals or groups of STs for undertaking Income Generation Activities. This financial assistance is extended through State Channelising Agencies and PSU Banks/ RRBs having refinance agreements with NSTFDC throughout India for eligible STs upto Double the Poverty Line limit which is ?98,000/- p.a. for rural areas and ?1,20,000/- p.a. for urban areas.
The prominent schemes of NSTFDC are:

â€¢ Term Loan scheme: NSTFDC provides Term Loan for any income generation scheme costing upto ?25.00 lakhs per unit. The financial assistance is extended upto 90% of the cost of the scheme and the balance is met by way of subsidy/ promoter's contribution/ margin money. The interest rate chargeable is 6% p.a. for loan upto ? 5 lakhs, 8% p.a. for loans ranging between ? 5 lakhs to ? 10 lakhs and 10% p.a. for loan exceeding ?10 lakhs on the entire amount of loan.
â€¢ Adivasi MahilaSashaktikaranYojana (AMSY): Under the scheme, Scheduled Tribes women can undertake any income generation activity. Loans upto 90% for scheme costing upto ?1 lakh are provided at a concessional rate of interest of 4% p.a.
â€¢ Micro Credit Scheme for Self Help Groups: The Corporation provides loans upto ?50,000/- per member and ? 5 Lakhs per Self Help Group (SHG). The interest rate chargeable is 6% p.a.
â€¢ Adivasi ShikshaRrinnYojana: Under this scheme, financial assistance upto ?5.00 lakh at concessional rate of interest of 6% per annum is provided to ST students for pursuing professional/ technical education including Ph.D. in India. Ministry of Human Resources Development, Govt. of India provides interest subsidy for this scheme, whereby, no interest is payable by a student during the course period and one year or six months after getting the job, as the case may be. There is also a provision for providing further concessional finance for undertaking any income generation activity after completion of studies.
â€¢ Tribal Forest Dwellers Empowerment Scheme: Under the scheme, NSTFDC provides financial assistance to Scheduled Tribes given land rights under Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006. Loan upto 90% of the scheme costing upto ?1 lakh can be provided at rate of interest of 6% p.a. This is a new scheme introduced and NSTFDC has requested the SCAs to implement the same.
â€¢ Scheme for NGOs/ EVAs: This is a newly launched scheme under which NSTFDC provides loans upto ?50,000/- per member and ? 5 Lakhs per Self Help Group (SHG) through NGOs/ EVAs. The interest rate chargeable is 12% p.a. from members of SHGs against which they will get an interest incentive of 4% on timely payment thus making the effective rate of interest to 8%.

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